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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

NICOLE L. VLIET, RN

CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

License #26NR15966600

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Nicole L. Vliet, RN ("Respondent") currently resides in Texas and is willing to surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. A Provisional Order of Discipline was filed on August 17, 2015 based upon Respondent's history of three DWI/DUIs and her failure to notify the New Jersey Board of Nursing that the Texas Board of Nursing had taken action against her (Agreed Eligibility Order filed

10/23/14). The Provisional Order sought to impose a reprimand, five hundred dollar (\$500) civil penalty, and a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP). In response to the Provisional Order, Respondent indicated that she lives in Texas and has no plans to return to the practice of nursing in New Jersey. If and when she does return to New Jersey seeking reinstatement of her New Jersey license, she indicated a willingness to enter RAMP at that time.

The Board finds that pursuant to  $\underline{\text{N.J.S.A.}}$  45:1-22 (f), testing, monitoring, and evaluation are warranted to ascertain whether Respondent's continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public.

The Board having reviewed this matter, the parties desiring to resolve this matter, in lieu of finalizing the Provisional Order of Discipline filed on August 17, 2015, the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, and for good cause shown;

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. Respondent shall  $Page \; 2 \; \text{of} \; 3$ 

not hereafter apply for reinstatement of her license unless and until she can demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice nursing, RAMP supports the reinstatement of her license, and she has met all other requirements for reinstatement. Respondent shall mail the wallet and wall versions of her license with this signed Consent Order or as soon as they can be located.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and consent to the entry of the Order as a matter of public record.

Nicole L. Vliet, RN

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